In Loving Memory of
Missionary Irish Steen Shepherd

SUNRISE
August 13, 1931

SUNSET
May 12, 2013

Home Going Celebration
May 18, 2013 – 11:00 A.M.
Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church
253 Fifth Street
Richmond, Ca. 94801

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL		*Mount Zion Choir*
SCRIPTURE READING	*Old Testament 23rd Psalm* *New Testament John 14: 1- 3*	*Minister* *Minister*
Prayer		*Minister*
SELECTION		*Mount Zion Choir*
CARDS, ACKOWLEDGEMENTS		*Heather Ford*
OBITUARY		
SPECIAL REMARKS	(3 Minutes)	*Rev. Dan Redic*
EXPRESSIONS	*(2 Minutes)*	*Family and Friends*
SOLO	*Saxophone*	*Gilbert Shepherd* *Independent Holiness*
SELECTION		*Mount Zion Choir*
EULOGY		*Pastor Redic*

Internment
Rolling Hills Memorial Park
Richmond, Ca.
Repast
Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
253 5th Street
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And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

Rev.21:4

Irish Steen Smith was born August 13, 1931, to the proud parents of Jefferson D. Smith an Bessie Dawson in Ofahoma, Mississippi. She confessed Christ at an early age. She was an adamant soul winner for the Lord, forever declaring, "You need to get your house in order". She continued her walk with the Lord and united with North Richmond Baptist Church in Richmond, Ca.

It was December 6, 1947, she married the man of her dreams, (gospel singer) Melvin Shepherd. There were 8 children born to this union.

Truly this was a marriage united to serve the Lord. She was anointed with the gift of gospel song writing, and he being anointed to convey God's message through song. It was 1976- 1983 when she managed her husband's gospel group, The Golden West Gospel Singers. And they were well known throughout the bay area. They were soon contracted to do radio programs. And from this, the Golden West Spiritual Hour was born. Also known as, Rev. Shepherd and the first Lady of radio, (his lady). The Golden West Spiritual Hour broad casted on K.E.S.T. and K.F.A.X. respectively for a period of 10yrs. Adjacent to her many talents, Mother Shepherd had a devoted desire for God's word. Her accomplishments in bible studies were numerous. ***Faith for today; Voice of Prophecy; Faith Fellowship, Abundant Living Foundation; The quiet hour bible course, and New Whine Skin Theological Seminary Bible College,*** in which she received diplomas and or certificates of completion. She and her husband later united with Church of God Temple number two in Oakland, Ca. under the leadership of the late Pastor Willie Davis. When her husband became ill and found it difficult to travel far, the Shepherds united with Bibleway Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. J.W. Wyatt, in Richmond. She served as Missionary President for many years. In 2007 the Lord called Rev. Shepherd to his final rest. Mother Shepherd united with Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Ulis G. Redic in Richmond, Ca. on Mother's Day of 2012.

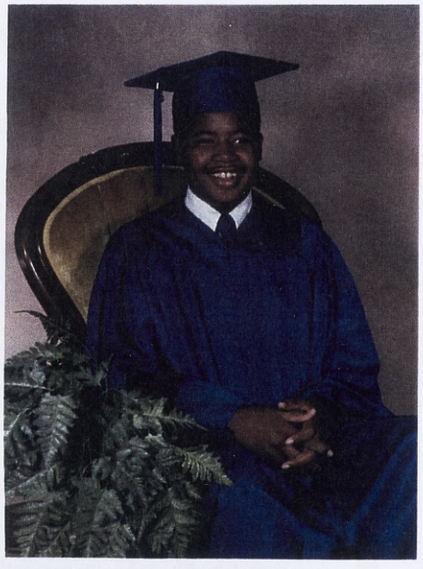
Mother Shepherd had partaken many achievements, her motto was, ***if you can put your mind to it and if it's God's will you can make it!***

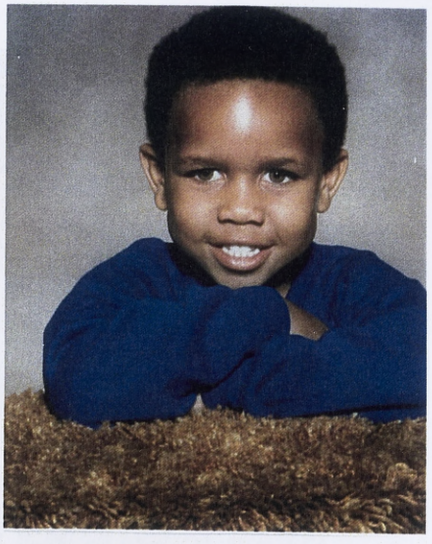
Mother Shepherd had a variety of professions, including seamstress, which she maintained her own business for many years. She later worked as a seamstress for Macy's Dept. Store & Rodgers Men's Store in Richmond, Ca. for several years. When she attempted to retire from sewing, due to an auto injury, she was told ***that shop would be set up in her home,*** where she continued to tailor men's clothing for a number of years. She was also Head Chef at Denny's Restaurant in San Pablo, Ca. as well as quality control inspector for Del Monte Ketchup Inc. and Heinz Cannery Inc.

Mother Shepherd genuinely loved and cared for people and made all feel welcome! Mother Shepherd was called to her final rest Mother's day 2013. The day purposefully reserved to Celebrate Mother's throughout the world.

Missionary Irish Shepherd was preceded in death by both of her parents. As well as her husband Rev. Melvin Shepherd, Dorothy Crutchfield, (daughter), Clarence Shepherd, (son). ., John Smith, (bro), Sirrie and Charles Sims, (bros), Clyde Ficklin, Iva Jean Smith, (sis), decease (May 12, 2013.

She leaves to cherish her memories and home going, (5) daughters, Betty Lee of Los Angeles, Ca. Melvenia (Elijah), Fredericksburg, Va. Arlene Shepherd, Fairfield, Ca. Azerine Smallwood, Vallejo, Ca. Pamela Ambriz, Richmond, Ca. two sons Charles (Shirby) Shepherd Richmond, Ca. Gilbert Shepherd, Richmond, Ca.,
She also leaves to cherish her memories nine sisters. Annie Van Hook, Ca. Clara Smith, MO. Lavone Miree, MI. Ruby Bobbitt, WS., Judy Gunn, MO. Linda Fikes, WS., Patsy Strong, TN., Joyce Smith, MS. Shirley Gillard, MD. Four bros. Jefferson Smith Jr. TN. Alvin Smith, OH, Judge Smith IND., Austin Smith, LA.
23 gran children, 25 great gran children and a host of niece's nephew's cousins and other relatives and friends.





POEM

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be, so He put his arms around you and whispered "come to me". With our tearful eyes we watched you and saw you pass away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A Golden Heart stopped beating, and hands are at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best!

Forever Mom from all your children

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Ferris Oliver
Timothy Barnes
Va Shon Thomas

Calvin Shepherd
Melvin Shepherd
Zaynon Smallwood

Honorary Pallbearers

Eric Thomas
Khalid Shepherd
Curtis Smith
Andrew Ragland

Malik Shepherd
Omar Shepherd
Fateem Shepherd
Gregory Van Hook

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We wish to thank you for your many kind deeds and consoling words during the passing of our loved one. If during this period of grief, we overlooked anyone, may we extend our sincere gratitude? God bless you.

The Shepherd Family
Arrangements Entrusted to

Wilson & Kratzer Mortuary Richmond, California